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Transmittal of Comments on Draft of 23 September 1955, "Statement of CIA Position Concerning Exchanges of Persons and Travel to the USSR"

1 In submitting the attached memorandum in response to your request, I should like to make several points:

a. The first quick answers obtained from the analysts provided objective evaluations of the intelligence advantage of visits to the USSR. At my request, the analysts were later approached in an effort to obtain from them judgments regarding net advantage to the US or the USSR on the basis of the acquisition of intelligence and improved methods and know-how in production. I hope that the delay occasioned by my instruction has not seriously inconvenienced you.

b. Of necessity, the judgments regarding net advantage reflect to some extent individual viewpoints of the most competent analysts and should be considered accordingly. Time has not permitted a more careful weighing of these judgments on a broader basis.

c. In each field there should always be opportunities to provide certain limitations to visits that will increase the net U.S. advantage. For this reason, I suggest in utilizing this background material, you substitute the word "could" for "would" for wording in the text stating that the "net advantage could go to ..."

2. All in all, I believe that the attached presents a useful and relatively accurate description of the facts supporting the judgments.

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